REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-3, 8-11, 16 and 17 were rejected in the January 4, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 4-7, 12-15 and 18-20 were objected to in the January 4, 2007 Office Action.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1, 9 and 17 are amended herein.

Claims 1-20 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In Section 9 of the January 4, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 4-7, 12-15 and 18-20 and suggested that if these claims were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, then these claims would be allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for this determination, but elect not to rewrite Claims 4-7, 12-15 and 18-20 at this time.

In Sections 2-8 of the January 4, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 8-11 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,912,588 to *Jardin, et al.* (the "Jardin reference"). Applicants note that in the January 4, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner may have *incorrectly* cited to U.S. Patent No. 6,763,007 to *Jardin, et al.* Applicant will assume that that the Examiner meant to cite to U.S. Patent No. 6,912,588 to *Jardin, et al.* In any case, Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse that Examiner's suggestions in support of the rejection.

Claim 1 of the present application currently requires:

> For use in a wireless network comprising a plurality of base stations, each of said base stations capable of communicating with a plurality of mobile stations, a security device capable of *preventing an unprovisioned one of said plurality of mobile stations from accessing an Internet protocol (IP) data network* through said wireless network, said security device comprising:
> a first controller capable of receiving from said unprovisioned mobile station an IP data packet comprising an IP packet header and an IP packet payload and replacing said IP packet header with *a replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of a selected one of a plurality of provisioning servers associated with said wireless network.* (emphasis added).

Notably, Claim 1 currently requires a security device capable of *preventing an unprovisioned one of said plurality of mobile stations from accessing an Internet protocol (IP) data network through said wireless network.* Claim 1 also requires receiving *from said unprovisioned mobile station* an IP data packet comprising an IP packet header and an IP packet payload and replacing said IP packet header with a *replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of a selected one of a plurality of provisioning servers.*

The Jardin reference is narrowly directed to a system and method for relieving data path congestion by managing client requests over a client-server network. Jardin reference, Abstract and column 2, lines 28-38. Depending on its availability of resources, the broker determines whether to respond to the client request, or hand-off the client request to another server. *Id.* The Jardin reference, however, fails to teach or disclose the security device, as currently required by Claim 1.

First, the Jardin reference fails to teach or disclose, for example, a security device capable of preventing an *unprovisioned* one of said plurality of mobile stations from *accessing an Internet protocol (IP) data network through said wireless network,* as currently required by Claim 1.

Although the Examiner cites to column 8, lines 13-17 of the Jardin reference for support, there is nothing within this cited reference that suggests that the third party server 430 is *unprovisioned.* Rather, the Jardin reference teaches parsing client requests to servers to simply accomplish some *load-balancing requirements* and/or handing-off client requests to those servers who are *equipped with the required application software* to carry out such requests. *Id.* at column 7, lines 26-32 & 42-47.

Second, the Jardin reference fails to teach or disclose, for example, a controller capable of receiving *from said unprovisioned mobile station* an IP data packet comprising an IP packet header and an IP packet payload and replacing said IP packet header with *a replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of a selected one of a plurality of provisioning servers*, as currently required by Claim 1. In fact, the Jardin reference fails to teach or disclose *any* provisioning servers, let alone teach or disclose a *replacement IP packet header comprising an IP address of a selected one of a plurality of provisioning servers*.

Accordingly, Claim 1 and its dependents are allowable. Similar arguments hold true for Claims 9 and 17 and their respective dependents. Applicants therefore respectfully request favorable reconsideration and the withdrawal of the §102 rejection.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@munckbutrus.com*.
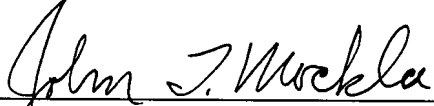
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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